

*Message from Governor Linda Lingle  
and  
Lt. Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.  
September 1, 2008*


Aloha and happy Labor Day,

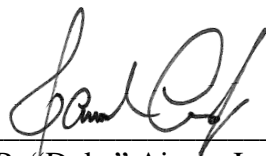
Each year, our nation sets aside the first Monday in September to honor the social and economic achievements of American workers. During the course of U.S. history, and continuing through today, the working men and women of our country have been responsible for the economic strength and well-being of our nation, enabling our nation to serve as a global leader and voice for freedom in the world. Generations of hard-working Americans have improved standards of living for their families while also contributing to our country's strength.

Hawai'i is blessed with one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation, which is a testament to the skill and dedication of our workforce. As we look to sustain our economy into the future, it is important for us to assist our workers acquire the new training and skills needed to succeed in the rapidly changing global economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We hope you and your 'ohana enjoy this holiday and consider its significance to our residents.

Mahalo,

  
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